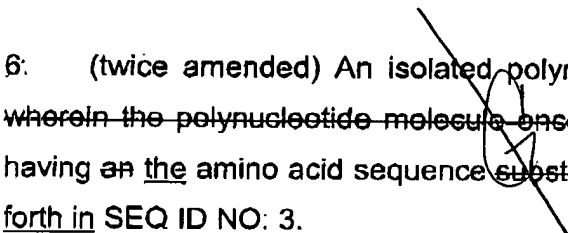


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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. canceled.
2. canceled.
3. (twice amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule encoding an NPY-Y7 receptor of human origin of ~~408 amino acids in length~~ that comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.
4. cancelled.
5. cancelled.
6.  (twice amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule ~~according to claim 5, wherein the polynucleotide molecule encodes~~ encoding a murine NPY-Y7 receptor having ~~an~~ the amino acid sequence ~~substantially corresponding to that shown as set forth in~~ SEQ ID NO: 3.
7. (previously twice amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule encoding an NPY-Y7 receptor, wherein the polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4;
 - (ii) The sequence consisting of nucleotides 369 to 1592 of SEQ ID NO: 4;
and
 - (iii) a sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.
8. canceled.
9. canceled.

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10. (previously once amended) A plasmid or expression vector including ^{the} a polynucleotide molecule according to claim 3.

11. canceled.

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24. canceled.

25. canceled.

26. (previously added) A host cell transformed with ^{the} a polynucleotide molecule according to claim 3.

27. (previously added) ^{The} A host cell according to claim 26, wherein ^{said host} the cell is a mammalian or insect cell.

28. (previously added) ^{The} A host cell according to claim 27, wherein ^{said host} the cell is a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell, human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293 cell or an insect Sf9 cell.

29. (previously added) ^{The} A host cell according to claim 26, wherein ^{said host} the cell expresses the NPY-Y7 receptor onto the cell's surface.

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30. (previously added) ^{the} A host cell transformed with ~~a~~ plasmid or expression vector according to claim 10.

31. (previously added) ^{The} A host cell according to claim 30, wherein ^{said host} the cell is a mammalian or insect cell.

32. (previously added) ^{The} A host cell according to claim 31, wherein ^{said host} the cell is a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell, human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293 cell or an insect Sf9 cell.

33. (previously added) ^{The} A host cell according to claim 30, wherein ^{said host} the cell expresses the NPY-Y7 receptor onto the cell's surface.